

Remarks/Arguments

Claim Summary

By this Amendment, claims 1-6 have been amended, and no other claims have been added to or deleted from the application.

Claims 1-11 remain pending in the application.

Specification Objection

Paragraphs [0009] and [0010] have been amended to correct the typographical error identified by the Examiner and to correct other typographical errors.

Claim Objections and 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-3 have been amended to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner and to correct additional informalities and minor typographical errors.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct the informality identified by the Examiner and to correct a minor typographical error.

Claims 4 and 5 have also been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-11 were rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Abe et al. (US 2003/0049949), taken alone or in combination with Leddige et al. (US Patent No. 6,144,576), and Dixon et al. (US Patent No. 6,081,862), for the reasons stated at pages 3-9 of the Office Action.

It is noted that the U.S. filing date of Abe is September 10, 2002.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's reasoning, Applicants intend to overcome the rejections by perfecting their claim of priority to Korean patent application no. 2002-0045914, filed August 2, 2002. A certified copy of the '914 priority application is already of record, and an English-language translation of the same is submitted herewith.

Applicants believe that each of rejected claims 1-11 is fully supported by the '914 priority application, and that each of the rejected claims 1-11 is entitled to the August 2, 2002 filing date of the '914 priority application.

Applicants therefore contend that Abe et al. does not qualify as §102(e) "prior art" against claims 1-11 of the present application.

Conclusion

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon claims 1-11 in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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